Criteria for declaring NGOs/Registered Bodies as Central Government Institutions

3170. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria/guidelines followed by Government for declaring NGOs/ registered bodies working in various social sphere as Central Government institutions and taking them over to further their cause and reach to benefit the targeted groups;

(b) such cases of NGOs/registered bodies at present under consideration of Government;

(c) whether a representation in this regard by Tapsil, Jati, Praktan Sainik, Krishi Bikash Shilpa Kendra, a registered society of Burdwan, West Bengal is pending;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken/progress made in the matter; and

(e) by when the body is likely to be declared as a Central Government Institution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Computerisation of land records in Maharashtra

3171. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many districts of Maharashtra have computerized their land records;

(b) how much money has been sanctioned by Central Government so far and how much money has been utilized by the Maharashtra Government so far;

(c) the reason for slow pace of Centrally Sponsored scheme on computerization in Maharashtra; and

(d) how Government are monitoring the same with the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) 34 out of 35 districts of Maharashtra have computerized the basic land records (RoR).

(b) Since inception of the scheme of Computerization of Land Records, Government of India has sanctioned Rs. 40.78 crore (till 30.11.2005) to the State Government of Maharashtra, out of which the State Government has utilized Rs.28.51 crore.

(c) and (d) The progress of the Scheme of Computerisation of Land Records in Maharashtra is satisfactory. Due to concerted efforts by the Government of India and intensive monitoring at the level of State Government, the implementation of the scheme of computerization has been speeded up. The progress of the scheme is being reviewed from time to time at various fora by organizing meetings and Conferences with State Revenue Secretaries and Revenue Ministers.

Funds of Rural Sanitation Programme in Orissa

†3172. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released by Government as Central grant to the State Government during the year 2004-05 and 2005-06 under the Rural Sanitation Programme to improve the living standard of the rural people of Orissa;

(b) whether Government would consider to release additional Central grant to Orissa Government to achieve the target; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) Union Government has released Rs. 45.82 crore in 2004-05 and Rs. 18.21 crore in 2005-06 (till date) as Central grant under the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) programme to improve the sanitation situation of the rural people of Orissa.

(b) and (c) Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) projects have been sanctioned in all districts of Orissa with a view to achieve cent percent sanitation coverage. TSC is not an allocation-based programme. Based

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.